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### *Legislative Update*

#### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE**

#### **DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005, AS OF 0700**

##### **Command and Control**

- U.S. Northern Command Commander is Admiral Keating in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Joint Task Force Katrina East (Forward) is located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi – Lieutenant General Honore is on the USS IWO JIMA pier side in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Louisiana National Guard is Major General Landreneau, at New Orleans.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Mississippi National Guard is Major General Cross, at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

##### **Operational Highlights**

- 70,073 Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ships supporting relief operations.
  - 22,028 Active Duty.
  - 46,328 National Guard. (1,717 outside area ready to assist)
- 20 US Navy ships are in the area.
- Total aviation support in area:
  - 346 helicopters (Active Duty and National Guard).
  - 68 airplanes (Active Duty and National Guard).
- DoD has provided extensive search and rescue, evacuation, and medical support:
  - 2,565 Active Duty sorties flown – 171 in the past 24-hours.
  - 9,104 National Guard sorties flown – 103 in the past 24 hours.
- Total DoD medical personnel in the area is 2,037 (1072 Active Duty and 965 National Guard). Lieutenant General Honore directed that no Federal military service member will perform or assist with any type of forced evacuation.
- JTF-Katrina is executing strategy that focuses on recovery while continuing to support disaster relief operations.
- 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Cavalry Division, I and II Marine Expeditionary Force conducting humanitarian assistance , search and rescue, evacuation and security assessments.
  - Division soldiers will not recover remains of deceased persons; will only mark and record locations for mortuary teams.
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- Commander, U.S. Northern Command requested the deployment of two fire trucks to support airport operations at New Orleans International.
  - Fire trucks from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho and Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico will assist with aircraft fire and rescue operations.
- Mosquito spraying operations approved. To date, no DoD aircraft have flown mosquito spraying missions.
  - 910<sup>th</sup> Air Wing, Air Force Reserve, from Youngstown, Ohio has two C-aircraft (C-130s) deployed to Duke Field, Florida.
  - First missions to be flown by DoD on September 12. Focus of operations is the New Orleans area - will spray outlying areas of Louisiana and Mississippi if required.
- Seven installations are providing support as transportation staging areas for ice, water, food and medical supplies.
- 21 million Meals Ready to Eat have been ordered by FEMA to support Hurricane Katrina response. 16.7 million have been delivered. 1 million have been diverted to Virginia and Georgia to support Hurricane Ophelia response if required.
- 789 beds are available in field hospitals: New Orleans International Airport (25 beds), USS BATAAN (360 beds), USS IWO JIMA (105 beds), USS Tortuga (35 beds), 14<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital (204 beds), and the USS Shreveport (60 beds).
- Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas is the central collection point for supplies donated by foreign countries - 115 nations and 12 international organizations have offered assistance.
- Redeployments: USS H. S. Truman, USS Whidbey Island, 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit, Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon, Army Aviation Assets, 4<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Medical Support, 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, and the USNS Comfort – USS Comfort redeployment pending agreement with Secretary DHS and Principal Federal Official that ship is no longer required.